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ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION OFFERS FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDY FELLOWSHIPS

MISSOULA--

Foreign language teachers in Montana high schools may apply for \$4,500 summer study fellowships offered by the Rockefeller Foundation, available for the summer of 1986. The awards will be administered nationally by the Academic Alliances project of the University of Pennsylvania, which involves foreign language and literature faculty members from 120 colleges and 300 schools nationwide.

The foundation announced the three-year \$1.5 million fellowship program to recognize and encourage exceptional foreign language teaching in high schools across the United States. One hundred Rockefeller Fellows will be competitively chosen for outstanding teaching and a commitment to international education. Fellows will each receive a \$4,500 stipend for summer study and travel to enhance their knowledge of the country and culture they teach.

The program will be administered locally by Maureen Curnow, associate professor of French at the University of Montana, and UM Professor Dennis McCormick, who will distribute applications to interested teachers. A review committee will nominate eight Montana candidates for consideration by a national review panel that will meet at the University of Pennsylvania to select the 100 finalists from the nominations pool.

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"Academic Alliances is a national effort to support foreign language teachers. We need more foreign language advancement in high school as we enter into more commerce with other nations," said Curnow.

Montana high school teachers interested in applying for the Rockefeller fellowships should write to Curnow at the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812. Teachers must include a 750-word essay with their applications explaining how the study fellowship will improve their professional life, benefit their academic colleagues and their community.

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